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# PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1985-86— June	22,716	23.3	11,246	r10,435	50,418	r44,419	562	r549	487	r489	31.2	r30.2	134	r143	1985-86— June 26	15,066
1986-87— July		31.2	12,167	10,470	54,154	43,739	520	483	537	499	34.4	27.5	172	153	1986-87— August 23	15,385
August		39.0	11,578	10,588	50,122	44,085	581	566	488	470	29.6	26.2	154	137	September 20	15,101
September	22,984	39.7	10,645	10,614	45,734	42,701	590	575	511	490	28.9	26.0	177	153	October 18	14,652
October		38.3	10,613	10,633	45,784	44,609	562	559	534	491	29.6	25.9	210	164	November 15	14,231
November		37.0	10,104	10,771	39,497	42,465	548	581	516	493	29.4	27.7	185	161	December 13	15,756
December	24,653	32.2	10,346	10,973	38,245	44,372	567	558	479	500	24.0	27.2	169	174	January 10	15,227
January		34.3	10,261	11,040	36,703	45,533	542	541	347	506	6.9	21.2	89	186	February 7	15,812
February		34.1	9,971	11,118	36,042	42,694	473	532	482	493	27.7	25.4	199	180	March 7	15,386
March	24,525	43.3	10,795	10,999	40,745	43,251	531	519	487	499	26.0	29.2	158	182	April 4	16,368
April		37.7	11,455	11,077	41,619	44,933	462	470	496	474	31.2	28.6	173	200	May 30	15,548
May		37.2	11,812	10,973	48,908	43,015	533	506	482	476	27.2	25.5	198	207	June 27	15,783
June	24,608															
1987-88— July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,567	10,749	55,800	45,295	552	512	500	466	31.2	25.4	193	170	July 25	n.y.a.
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,074	11,080	52,306	46,105	548	533	479	464	30.4	26.8	173	162	August 22	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

## PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufac- turing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86— June	3,334	r3,037	954	r1,087	15,035	r13,426	435.0	180	193	281	r509	32,907	76.8	42,086	42,283
1986-87— July	3,665	3,189	1,144	1,051	14,341	12,791	439.5	203	187	335	485	51,909	79.5		
August	3,884	3,300	1,007	1,028	15,170	13,887	443.8	r189	r199	481	486	91,762	82.1		
September	3,262	2,966	934	960	15,195	13,924	448.9	199	191	639	498	117,118	79.2	43,134	42,809
October	3,884	3,478	1,211	997	16,446	13,947	453.3	217	195	765	490	122,839	77.1		
November	3,102	3,090	938	898	14,897	14,137	456.6	195	201	r727	490	99,582	76.5		
December	2,450	3,315	715	804	12,087	14,348	458.7	191	207	680	504	65,756	74.6	43,723	43,840
January	849	2,717	531	871	13,647	11,466	460.8	202	619	527	42,398	67.3			
February	3,374	3,523	871	790	17,098	16,738	463.9	192	201	473	535	46,831	75.0		
March	3,284	3,033	984	889	15,376	14,056	466.0	209	201	442	564	54,872	76.3	44,759	44,767
April	3,866	4,130	1,069	1,069	14,368	15,150	468.4	204	202	367	570	45,339	77.4		
May	3,695	3,025	923	911	15,371	14,761	469.8	202	205	328	564	41,295	74.2		
June	3,339	3,011	915	978	16,334	14,239	p471.7	191	196	303	550	34,309	79.7	44,605	44,803
1987-88— July	4,419	3,635	921	863	15,831	13,793	p474.1	209	194	348	504	64,191	82.8		
August	3,629	3,245	915	975	15,404	14,423	n.y.a.	186	196	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

# FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments—current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1985-86—									
June	2,630	2,743	5,674	5,319	234	140.8	-540	-1,189	13,024
1986-87—									
July	2,586	3,065			242		-874	-1,569	13,439
August	2,586	3,084			246		-796	-1,270	12,686
September	3,078	3,447	5,784	5,182	246	158.8	-817	-1,347	12,615
October	2,966	3,394			245		-915	-1,764	13,316
November	2,973	2,602			244		-237	-823	15,146
December	3,316	3,239	6,605	5,397	243	160.3	73	-514	15,561
January	2,837	3,100			244		-515	-1,396	13,846
February	2,874	3,027			243		-85	-873	12,604
March	3,008	3,060	6,440	5,228	242	p161.1	-173	-944	13,866
April	2,909	2,896			240		-252	-1,148	16,867
May	3,138	2,908			243		-112	-981	16,787
June	3,361	3,269	6,529	5,194	p243	n.y.a.	-122	-923	17,594
1987-88—									
July	2,940	3,481			p245		-780	-1,396	18,512
August	p3,160	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-216	-380	19,315

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

# INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

Month	Total			Average 1979-80 prices		Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (b) '000	
	Current prices			Original		Original		Original		Original		Original	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—													
June	4,197	4,586	4,563	8,204	8,410	1,380	1,456	423	506	34.5	33.9	10.3	9.5
1986-87—													
July	4,479	4,594	4,604			1,453	1,465	508	514	37.0	33.6	11.8	10.2
August	4,434	4,648	4,635			1,440	1,471	442	522	37.4	35.8	10.7	10.7
September	4,462	4,667	4,659	8,166	8,487	1,430	1,474	507	528	33.2	33.1	9.0	9.5
October	4,762	4,676	4,676			1,522	1,479	511	534	32.4	31.8	8.1	8.1
November	4,733	4,673	4,696			1,482	1,485	541	538	28.7	30.5	6.8	7.8
December	6,440	4,713	4,720	9,454	8,390	1,723	1,496	1,059	541	31.5	30.5	6.5	7.1
January	4,609	4,755	4,743			1,528	1,510	473	540	27.6	32.6	5.8	7.0
February	4,232	4,779	4,768			1,427	1,524	r391	539	28.2	31.5	6.3	6.8
March	4,539	4,776	4,798	7,781	8,287	1,501	1,535	463	539	32.0	29.7	7.3	6.5
April	4,694	4,900	4,832			1,532	1,542	517	542	26.2	27.8	5.8	5.7
May	4,817	4,770	4,870			1,528	1,544	550	547	29.3	28.4	6.5	6.2
June	4,606	4,886	4,911	8,134	8,365	1,474	1,544	512	555	32.6	30.6	8.1	7.2
1987-88—													
July	4,944	5,061	4,950			1,544	1,541	557	563	32.6	30.1	7.7	6.6
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p29.1	p27.9	p6.2	p6.2

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females		All groups		Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)	
1985-86—June				216.9		153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.0	139.6	133.4
1986-87—July				221.9										
August	437.20	282.90	418.90	221.9	1.16									
September				221.9		157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0
October				221.9										
November	446.30	287.60	427.20	221.9	1.29									
December				221.9		161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1
January				222.0										
February	445.30	291.10	429.90	222.0	1.19									
March				r228.7		164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	143.8
April				r228.7										
May	451.70	299.00	436.50	r228.7	1.23									
June				r228.7		167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0	146.0
1987-88—July				228.7										
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.22									

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price indexes(a)														
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings 000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced 000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Private new capital expenditure (\$m)(b)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86— June	1,789.6	1,679.7	11.3	11.2	715.6	3,904.4	3,755.0	29.8	29.2	102.3	173.6	<sup>F</sup> 1,613	<sup>F</sup> 1,596	<sup>F</sup> 3,709	<sup>F</sup> 3,401
1986-87— July	1,320.7	1,266.5	11.8	10.9	258.9					102.6	175.4				
August	1,457.1	1,393.5	9.9	9.9	324.7					103.2	176.5				
September	1,288.1	1,273.5	10.4	10.0	181.5	4,914.5	4,714.0	31.1	29.8	104.1	177.9	1,754	1,773	3,648	3,696
October	1,421.9	1,343.1	10.8	10.0	210.8					105.1	178.8				
November	1,376.9	1,350.6	10.1	10.0	367.6					105.3	179.4				
December	1,404.1	1,394.8	9.9	10.2	291.3	4,042.4	4,009.1	30.3	29.8	105.5	179.9	1,949	1,704	4,426	4,231
January	1,124.5	1,446.8	7.8	9.9	238.0					105.8	180.7				
February	1,154.0	1,351.7	9.2	10.0	194.7					106.4	182.1				
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	274.7	3,857.0	4,253.5	27.0	29.4	107.1	183.6	1,537	1,803	3,364	3,859
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8				
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	108.4	186.9	1,903	1,875	4,203	3,838
1987-88— July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					108.9	187.7				
August	1,846.7	1,738.0	10.5	10.4	181.2					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities.

(b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

# FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1985-86—											
June	42,602	42,486	44,346	44,562	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243
1986-87—											
July	43,392	43,722	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	840	157	76	14.50	5,113
August	43,924	44,005	43,567	44,083	41,904	42,053	692	166	68	15.10	6,326
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,639	41,998	42,305	742	177	68	15.15	5,025
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	73	14.30	4,990
November	44,395	44,575	43,653	43,771	42,776	42,719	816	164	67	14.25	6,293
December	45,681	45,040	44,511	43,802	43,555	43,361	900	153	66	14.05	5,481
January	45,669	45,334	45,098	45,064	43,917	44,355	679	133	57	14.70	5,847
February	45,914	45,087	45,240	45,128	43,637	44,288	871	167	69	15.05	5,943
March	47,671	47,511	46,595	46,502	44,404	44,591	907	162	76	14.10	7,064
April	48,953	49,919	46,701	46,006	45,571	44,931	931	167	75	13.85	10,748
May	50,607	51,157	46,412	46,685	45,475	45,165	804	169	73	13.25	7,399.8
June	52,480	52,317	46,209	46,452	45,146	45,207	853	192	69	13.00	7,687.2
1987-88—											
July	53,640	54,046	46,600	46,912	45,375	45,216	1,004	191	76	12.85	n.y.a.
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	45,902	46,560	45,021	45,180	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.60	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1985-86—														
March	57,723	60,705	1,664	2,328	56,059	58,377	34,395	35,825	10,724	11,366	8,699	9,699	1,906	4,573
June	59,305	61,785	1,194	2,236	58,111	59,549	36,231	36,712	12,330	11,674	9,959	9,557	5,385	4,338
1986-87—														
September	62,740	62,888	1,883	2,356	60,857	60,532	37,666	37,833	11,619	12,010	9,908	9,944	4,416	4,939
December	70,501	65,284	4,227	2,537	66,274	62,747	40,809	38,649	12,358	11,952	11,189	10,513	4,817	4,776
March	63,846	66,805	2,137	2,602	61,709	64,203	38,108	39,569	11,570	12,264	9,259	10,320	4,029	4,728
June	67,313	69,897	1,691	2,657	65,622	67,240	39,839	40,415	13,521	12,802	10,998	10,576	5,981	4,847
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1985-86—														
March	34,420	36,622	1,584	2,185	32,836	34,437	20,317	21,226	6,213	6,614	5,030	5,605	2,167	2,538
June	34,855	36,292	1,408	2,136	33,447	34,156	21,115	21,374	7,212	6,810	5,626	5,388	2,989	2,409
1986-87—														
September	36,059	36,386	1,624	2,104	34,435	34,282	21,299	21,417	6,475	6,721	5,421	5,443	2,358	2,640
December	40,851	37,047	3,853	2,224	36,998	34,823	22,573	21,319	6,899	6,639	5,953	5,602	2,525	2,502
March	35,388	37,415	1,869	2,241	33,519	35,174	20,517	21,369	6,343	6,753	4,823	5,368	2,107	2,471
June	36,525	38,064	1,400	2,202	35,125	35,862	21,203	21,501	7,445	7,030	5,644	5,420	3,080	2,499

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—														
March	10,950	11,532	9,721	9,844	29,403	30,782	7,263	7,877	13,758	15,059	29,401	46,663	9,064	37,599
June	10,984	11,049	9,126	8,942	31,304	31,249	7,404	7,877	13,829	15,952	31,309	51,612	14,102	37,510
1986-87—														
September	12,251	11,534	9,764	9,717	31,722	32,083	8,034	7,749	16,135	16,007	31,734	51,228	8,968	42,260
December	12,151	12,213	11,072	11,006	34,171	32,457	9,879	7,919	19,226	16,415	34,160	57,965	8,947	49,018
March	11,329	11,937	10,556	10,950	31,266	32,728	8,414	9,121	16,192	17,369	31,251	51,106	10,709	40,397
June	11,704	11,775	11,218	11,043	34,113	34,063	9,044	9,638	16,098	18,334	34,108	56,559	15,769	40,790

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY  
OF JOB  
VACANCIES  
(d)**

**LABOUR FORCE(a)**

Month	Employed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate(b) (per cent)		Participation rate(b) (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)					
1986—													
June	5,634.9	5,660.7	6,972.7	6,979.2	457.0	469.1	561.9	577.0	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0	
July	5,631.2	5,624.4	6,958.4	6,946.6	490.9	515.4	594.2	627.4	7.9	8.3	61.9	62.1	
August	5,382.4	5,640.1	6,885.7	6,942.9	490.7	504.4	595.6	623.5	8.0	8.2	61.2	61.9	48.6
September	5,666.9	5,642.4	7,007.6	6,965.7	517.6	525.3	631.6	630.5	8.3	8.3	62.4	62.0	
October	5,661.9	5,667.5	7,000.3	6,984.0	485.9	529.1	590.1	639.3	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.1	
November	5,647.6	5,648.4	7,006.9	6,966.4	489.1	531.8	583.3	636.7	7.7	8.4	61.7	61.8	51.9
December	5,724.0	5,653.9	7,092.0	7,014.8	545.7	538.4	655.5	644.5	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1	
1987—													
January	5,648.8	5,658.6	6,878.3	7,020.4	575.0	529.3	671.4	638.3	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.0	
February	5,681.0	5,671.4	6,998.2	7,041.4	581.1	518.9	699.6	631.9	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0	62.7
March	5,706.2	5,681.7	7,109.1	7,060.2	562.4	533.5	702.5	650.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2	
April	5,687.5	5,708.3	7,087.7	7,084.6	530.8	529.5	652.1	640.8	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2	
May	5,680.2	5,695.4	7,084.0	7,077.6	530.6	533.7	635.0	634.0	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	53.8
June	5,690.8	5,717.0	7,111.2	7,116.6	506.2	518.5	603.6	618.7	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1	
July	5,771.9	5,764.8	7,157.8	7,145.5	510.9	535.9	610.2	644.5	7.9	8.3	62.2	62.4	
August	5,656.3	5,713.6	7,073.2	7,131.4	495.4	508.6	601.9	629.5	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1	56.2

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates prior to April 1986 are based on the old definition. See paragraphs 37 and 38 of the Explanatory Notes of *The Labour Force, Australia, January 1987* (6203.0). (c) Revised following annual reanalysis. (d) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)  
( '000 persons)**

Month	Australia													Total Govt. and Private
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Government				Total	
									Private	Common- wealth	State(b)	Local		
1986—														
April	1,912.5	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	592.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9
May	1,906.3	1,569.9	815.1	468.3	504.6	147.1	58.9	117.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2
June	1,929.9	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,848.1	482.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5
July	1,940.4	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9
August	1,928.3	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,930.3	1,567.5	805.5	464.7	513.2	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,154.3	157.2	1,751.1	5,601.5
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	514.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,158.5	156.3	1,753.3	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,925.1	438.8	1,153.3	156.1	1,748.2	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,948.2	440.1	1,130.1	155.3	1,725.5	5,673.8
1987—														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,871.3	440.2	1,084.0	152.0	1,676.2	5,547.4
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,946.6	441.0	1,117.4	154.8	1,713.2	5,653.8
March	1,960.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,941.2	442.4	1,140.9	155.1	1,738.4	5,679.6
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	479.3	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,978.1	441.7	1,147.5	153.6	1,742.8	5,720.9
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,002.7	442.1	1,156.3	155.3	1,753.7	5,756.4
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,988.6	442.5	1,162.2	156.6	1,761.3	5,749.9

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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